REMARKS

Claims 1-13 stand rejected under 35 USC 103(a) as being unpatentable over Christman, et al. (U.S. 6,390,151) in view of Chandonnet (U.S. 6,401,009) and further in view of Brown (U.S. 5,771,278).

Christman, et al. discloses an automated fueling system with remote service facility to operate multiple refueling stations. This system employs a remote control system to supervise and manage the vehicle refueling operations requested by customers located at multiple distributed service station sites.

Chandonnet discloses a sundry article vending apparatus. This apparatus comprises a storage device operably configured to contain a quantity of at least one type of sundry articles, a dispensing mechanism for delivering the article from storage to a dispensing aperture. An article vending control device is operatively connected to the dispensing mechanism and a vehicle-related vending control device.

Brown discloses a method and apparatus for minimizing system oscillations caused by acoustical coupling. The communication device may be a telephone, cellular radio or any other communication device using visible light, infrared, ultraviolet, radio or acoustic waves. In short, Brown discloses details of a modem which has a data processing and signal converting component.

Applicant notes the Response to Arguments of the subject Final Office Action and appreciates the reasoning thereof, but respectfully disagrees in light of the subject Amendment.

In particular, the instant invention as now presently claimed provides for an interface

between an additive dispenser and the existing fuel dispensers. This interface, or intermediary module, includes a CPU module and a personality module. As a majority of all current fuel dispensers in operation in the United States use one of a limited number of proprietary protocol for interfacing the dispenser to a gas station's point-of-sale system, the intermediary module of the present invention is configurable through firmware to be customizable to any of these protocols. Such an inceptor module is lacking in Christman, et al., Chandonnet, Brown, or any combination thereof.

It is believed that this application is not in condition for allowance, which action is respectfully submitted.

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